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**From:** Julie Ho <julie.ho.asdf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 9:11 PM  
**To:** Clerkoftheboard  
**Subject:** Support for new Yolo County animal shelter

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of a new animal shelter for the County.

As a YCAS volunteer, I have worked with the shelter's cats and dogs on-site and as a foster parent for the past 1.5 years.

Through these experiences, I have observed that the current facilities are outdated, unsafe, and understaffed. The most recent UCD veterinary services contract did not provide the services needed in terms of number, scope or timeliness. There is an urgent need to hire a new, on-site, vet team to work full-time and address the backlog of spay and neutering left behind by the last vet team.

Last fiscal year (2021-2022), nearly 3,000 cats and dogs were taken in by our shelter. Post-pandemic, animal shelters are suffering from overcrowding across the nation. A new shelter for our County has been delayed nearly 10 years and is long overdue. Please show your responsiveness to the community's needs by addressing this crisis and supporting a new shelter for Yolo.

Sincerely,

Julie Ho  
Davis resident

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